UNION MEMBERSHIP

Information & Data – 2016

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics recently released its Union Members Report for 2016. Check out the below information to see how unions fared in 2016.

2016 UNION MEMBERSHIP RATE

10.7%

Percentage of wage and salary workers who were members of unions

14.6 million

wage and salary workers were members of unions

PRIVATE SECTOR UNION MEMBERSHIP RATE

6.4%

Percentage of workers who were members of unions in the private sector

7.4 million

workers were members of unions in the private sector

2016 United States Union Membership

- Union membership rates declined in 31 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 16 states, and were unchanged in 3 states.
- In 2016, Washington D.C. and 27 states had union membership rates below that of the U.S. average (10.7%).
- 23 states' rates were above the national average of 10.7%.

23.6%

New York had the highest union membership rate.

1.6%

South Carolina had the lowest union membership rate.

11.2% vs 10.2%

% of men vs. women in unions

13.0% **10.5%** **9.0%** **8.8%**

African American workers more likely than white, Asian, or Hispanic workers to be union members

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